

2016 Massachusetts Community Transportation Coordination Conference

Keynote: The Power of Public-Private Partnerships

Aniko Laszlo, MassDOT

- CrossTown Connect formed a Community Compact last year. Through this program, they were able to access technical assistance from MassDOT to create a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between CrossTown Connect, the Lowell Regional Transit Authority, and the Montachusett Regional Transit Authority
- This MOU will allow COA vehicles from one town to pick up residents in another town
- This is the first cross-RTA agreement of its kind in Massachusetts
- This accomplishment builds on a long list of accomplishments CrossTown Connect has achieved in coordinating transportation and increasing transportation services in their communities

Astrid Glynn, MassDOT

- Introduced Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito

Lieutenant Governor Polito

- Thank you for all you do in working together to explore all options to serve all in the Commonwealth
- The Baker-Polito administration is dedicated to serving Massachusetts through cities and towns no matter how large or small. This focus involves great schools, opportunities for good jobs, health and wellness, safe neighborhoods, and a safety net. Transportation is part of that safety net. This administration is putting our money where our mouth is by providing funding to cities and towns through Chapter 90 funds for local roads and sidewalks.
- We have also invested in transportation:
 - We continued the previous administration's accelerated bridge program to maintain local bridges.
 - We are investing in the MBTA and RTAs.
 - We are working to make the RMV more customer friendly. Now the RMV is partnering with COAs to increase access for seniors.
 - Nonstop, direct trips from Worcester to Boston on the commuter rail are coming soon.
 - \$12.5 million is available to support Complete Streets. Technical assistance is also available.
- The Community Compact Program is a partnership between local and state government. Municipalities identify their priorities. Check out the [online map](#) to learn more.
 - 17 communities in Southern Berkshire County with declining school enrollment came together to form a compact on collaborating to reduce costs and providing better education to students.